

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
:

Inventors: Ian Peter CRIGHTON et al. :
:

New U.S. Patent Application :
:

Filed: January 30, 2004 :
:

For: AUTOMATED STORAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF OPERATING

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

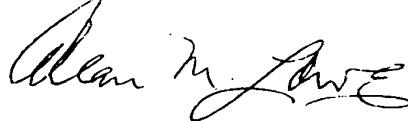
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant hereby claims the priority of British Patent Application No. 0302249.8 filed January 31, 2003. The certified copy will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP



Allan M. Lowe
Registration No. 19,641

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 684-1111 AML/gmj
Facsimile: (703) 518-5499
January 30, 2004